

COMMITTEE: SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2021
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Ron Karl called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Campbell, Karl, Anderson

Absent: Collins, Goode

Others Present: Tamara Feest, Human Service Center

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Campbell to approve the agenda as presented, second by Anderson. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Motion by Campbell to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments

HUMAN SERVICE UPDATES

Tamara Feest from the Human Service Center was present for the meeting. Feest informed the committee that there have been updates being made to the lobby area of the Human Service Center as a result of COVID. HSC is also making the changes to be more Trauma friendly. Feest discussed the recent changes to AODA inpatient mandates. Right now, HSC is negotiating with agencies for AODA room and board costs. HSC is looking for PsychoSocial workers. MH Technicians were recently hired. HSC is still looking for Case Managers. HSC is waiting on 2020 final reports which should be finalized in April or May. HSC recently purchased a new financial records system. 2020 audit is scheduled for May. Jensen shared that the first person has completed the AODA assessment through the TeleHealth system that has been set up between HSC and Social Services.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- FISCAL-Committee provided the financial worksheet for 2020 expenditures and the January 2021 worksheet. Jensen answered questions about the 2020 finals as areas that were over the budgeted amounts. Committee also informed that Bridget from CLA has the workbook and is reviewing it. Overall, it appears that the 2020 reports are correct with only a few minor adjustments needing to be made.
- CPS and JUVENILE DELINQUENCY-Jensen did not have the current numbers available at the meeting. Committee was informed that the numbers have been pretty

much the same as the previous months. Two cases are being closed out as the children have been reunified with parents.

- FOSTER CARE and KINSHIP-Committee updated that the payments to Rawhide have ended as the child has returned home. Committee informed that over the weekend there was an issue with a placement and therefore that child needs a treatment foster home which will be more expensive however not as expensive as Rawhide. Kinship has remained the same.
- CST-Committee updated that there are currently six families on the program and another several that are currently in the process of being worked on.
- ECONOMIC SUPPORT-No changes to report.

STUDENT INTERN

Committee updated that the agency was contacted by Denver University and they have a student from Forest County that is wanting to complete an internship through the agency. Updated the committee that it is currently an unpaid internship, but could be a paid one. Discussed the fact that this is the first intern that is not presently an employee so worker has reached out to other counties to determine what training they provide. Asked the committee if they would like to interview the student or if Jensen should do it. Recommendation was for Jensen to complete the interview since it is unpaid and Jensen knows what questions to ask.

UPDATE ON OPEN CPS POSITIONS AND POSTINGS

Committee updated that Jensen was informed of a website that Forestry used to send out job posting and Jensen had Social Services set up with the website. The job posting went out to the UW schools. No applications have been received.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARENTING TRAINING CURRICULUM

Discussed that agency needs a staff member to be trained in parenting. Discussed that research on different programs have been done and there is a program that other counties use that Jensen would like to have Paquette trained on. Committee informed of the advantage of providing the classes internally so families could be reunited sooner or prevent the need for removal. Committee was updated on the approximate cost of the training as being \$1000 and it can currently be completed on-line. Request for Jensen to determine where the cost of the funding for the training would come from and bring it back to next Social Services meeting.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Human Service Center
School Liaison Officer and Juvenile
Parenting Training
Discussion on Committee meeting time change

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be held on April 13, 2021 at 4:30pm. Beginning in May, the meeting times will be changed to 5:30pm as was previously discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Campbell, seconded by Karl to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Social Services meeting.

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